## **2008 INTERIM REPORT**



ASIA COMMERCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED (Incorporated In Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code:104)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
	•	ths ended ptember 2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Change %
Operations	(,	(1	
Turnover	333,363	199,865	66.8
Profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	33,660	20,251	66.2
Earnings per share – Basic	5.60 HK cents	4.23 HK cents	32.4
Interim dividend per share	N/A	1 HK cent	N/A
	30th September 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31st March 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)	Change %
Financial position			
Total assets	480,693	437,932	9.8
Shareholders' funds	353,117	327,124	8.0

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Asia Commercial Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial report of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30th September 2008 together with the comparative figures of the last corresponding period. The interim financial report has been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee.

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT** For the six months ended 30th September 2008

		Six month 30th Sep	
		2008	2007
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Turnover	3	333,363	199,865
Cost of sales		(207,691)	(124,394)
Gross profit		125,672	75,471
Other revenue	4	8,732	7,003
Distribution costs		(80,242)	(48,574)
Administrative expenses		(18,808)	(13,088)
Other operating income, net			3,484
Profit from operations		35,354	24,296
Finance costs	5(a)	(13)	(673)
Other income/(expenses), net		69	(202)
Profit before taxation	5	35,410	23,421
Income tax	6	(1,750)	(3,170)
Profit for the period		33,660	20,251
Attributable to Equity shareholders of the Company		33,660	20,251
<b>Earnings per share</b> Basic (HK cents)	7	5.60	4.23
Dividends	8		6,007

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<b>CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED B</b> As at 30th September 2008	ALANCE S	HEET	
	30	Oth September 2008	31st March 2008
	Notes	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	<i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment Prepaid lease payments	9	31,935 4,547	23,801 4,583
Investment properties Available-for-sale investments	10	59,265 2,180 97,927	60,579 2,180 91,143
Current assets		-	
Inventories Prepaid lease payments Trade receivables, other receivables		283,376 71	201,313 71
deposits and prepayments Cash and cash equivalents	, 11	48,548 50,771	50,909 94,496
Current liabilities		382,766	346,789
Trade payables, other payables and accrued charges Income tax payable	12	121,396 809	103,905
		122,205	105,405
Net current assets		260,561	241,384
Total assets less current liabilities		358,488	332,527
Non-current liabilities			
Loan notes Rental received in advance		2,916 2,455 5,371	2,910 2,493 5,403
Net assets		353,117	327,124
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves	13	60,070 293,047	60,070 267,054
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		353,117	327,124

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY – UNAUDITED

For the six months ended 30th September 2008

	Share	Share	Revaluation	Exchange	Capital	Contributed	Accumulated	
	capital	premium	reserve	reserve	reserve	surplus	losses	Tota
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Balance at 1st April 2007	33,372	84	242	345	252,381	17,524	(184,065)	119,883
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of overseas								
subsidiaries	-	-	-	2,207	-	-	-	2,207
Profit for the period	-					-	20,251	20,251
Total income and expense								
recognised for the period	-	-	-	2,207	-	-	20,251	22,458
Issue of shares (Note 13)	26,698	80,092	-	-	-	-	-	106,790
Share issue expenses	-	(2,185)						(2,185
Balance at 30th September 2007	60,070	77,991	242	2,552	252,381	17,524	(163,814)	246,946
Balance at 1st April 2008	60,070	77,991	31,562	16,359	252,381	17,524	(128,763)	327,124
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of overseas subsidiaries	_	-	-	(1,660)	-	-	-	(1,660
Profit for the period	-						33,660	33,660
Total income and expense recognised for the period	-	-	-	(1,660)	-	-	33,660	32,000
Dividend paid (Note 8)	-			-			(6,007)	(6,007
Balance at 30th September 2008	60,070	77,991	31,562	14,699	252,381	17,524	(101,110)	353,117

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## **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT** For the six months ended 30th September 2008

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008 <i>HK</i> \$'000 (unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Net cash used in operating activities	(23,362)	(21,644)
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,939)	(4,877)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(6,007)	105,400
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(44,308)	78,879
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	94,496	118,202
Exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents	583	(1,921)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	50,771	195,160

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## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

## 1. GENERAL

The Group is principally engaged in trading and retailing of watches and property leasing.

The Company is a limited company incorporated in Bermuda and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The registered office is situated at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM12, Bermuda.

The interim financial report is presented in thousand of units of Hong Kong dollars (HK'000), unless otherwise stated, and has been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 10th December 2008.

## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and HKAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

The preparation of the interim financial report in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may be different from these estimates.

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim financial report are consistent with those used in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2008, except for the adoption of the new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") as noted below:

HK(IFRIC) – INT 12	Service Concession Arrangements
HK(IFRIC) – INT 14	HKAS 19 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum
	Funding Requirements and their Interaction

The adoption of the above new interpretations has no material financial impact on the Group's results and financial position for the current or prior periods.

The Group has not early adopted the following new and revised HKFRSs relevant to the interim financial report that have been issued but are not yet effective for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2008. The Group is in the process of assessing their impact to the Group's results and financial position.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

HKAS 1 (Revised) HKAS 23 (Revised) HKAS 27 (Revised)	Presentation of Financial Statements <sup>1</sup> Borrowing Cost <sup>1</sup> Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements <sup>2</sup>
HKAS 32 and HKAS 1	Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising
(Amendments)	on Liquidation <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 2 (Amendment)	Vesting Conditions and Cancellations <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 3 (Revised)	Business Combinations <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 8	Operating Segments <sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC) – INT 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes <sup>3</sup>
HK(IFRIC) – INT 15	Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate <sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC) – INT 16	Hedges of Net Investment in a Foreign Operation <sup>4</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January 2009.
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st July 2009.
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st July 2008.
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st October 2008.

## 3. TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group has determined that business segments are its primary reporting format and geographical segments are its secondary reporting format.

The Group's major operating business organised and managed is sales of watches.

#### a) Business segment

Details of the segment information by business segment are as follows:

	Six months ended 30th September 2008 Sales of		
	watches HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Others* <i>HK\$'</i> 000 (unaudited)	Consolidated <i>HK\$'</i> 000 (unaudited)
Turnover External sales	331,790	1,573	333,363
Segment results	42,157	(1,523)	40,634
Unallocated operating expenses			(5,489)
Operating profit Interest income Finance costs Other (expenses)/income, net			35,145 209 (13)
<ul> <li>allocated</li> <li>unallocated</li> </ul>	(496)	-	(496) 565
			69
Profit before taxation Income tax			35,410 (1,750)
Profit for the period			33,660
* Others included property leasing	ng income.		

## 3. TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

## a) Business segment (Continued)

	Six months ended 30th September 2007 Sales of		
	watches <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Others* <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Turnover External sales	199,604	261	199,865
Segment results	27,769	(564)	27,205
Unallocated operating expenses			(4,759)
Operating profit Interest income Finance costs Other expenses, net			22,446 1,850 (673)
<ul> <li>allocated</li> <li>unallocated</li> </ul>	(18)	_	(18) (184)
			(202)
Profit before taxation Income tax			23,421 (3,170)
Profit for the period			20,251

\* Others included property leasing income.

## b) Geographical segment

An analysis of the Group's turnover by geographical segment for the period under review and comparative information for the previous period is as follows:

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
The People's Republic of China,		
excluding Hong Kong	279,776	197,984
Hong Kong	52,929	1,431
Switzerland	284	206
Others*	374	244
	333,363	199,865
* Others included U.S.A.		

## 4. OTHER REVENUE

	Six months ended		
	30th September		
	<b>2008</b> 20		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Interest income from short-term bank deposits	23	1,456	
Other interest income	186	394	
Total interest income on financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss	209	1,850	
Customer services income and others	8,523	5,153	
	8,732	7,003	

## 5. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging /(crediting):

## (a) Finance costs

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008 <i>HK</i> \$'000 (unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Loan notes: Interest payable Amortisation of premium	13 	187 486
Total interest expense on financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss	13	673

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## 5. **PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION** (Continued)

#### (b) Other items

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Net exchange loss	722	42
Impairment loss on trade receivables		
and other receivables	-	2
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	36	55
Depreciation	6,442	2,858
Fair value (gain)/loss on derivative		
financial instrument	(69)	207
Write back of inventories	(11,149)	(8,901)
Write-off of property, plant and equipment	_	18
Staff costs including directors' fees		
and emoluments	33,794	26,743

## 6. INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Current:		
Hong Kong	-	-
Outside Hong Kong	1,750	3,170
	1,750	3,170

Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at a rate of 16.5% (2007: 17.5%) of the estimated assessable profit for the period. No Hong Kong profits tax is provided because the assessable profits generated during the period are set off by the accumulated tax losses brought forward from previous year.

Taxation for overseas subsidiary companies is provided at the appropriate current rates of taxation ruling in the relevant countries.

## 7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

#### (a) Basic earnings per share

The calculation of the basic earnings per share attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008 <i>HK</i> \$'000 (unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Profit for the period attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company for the purpose of basic earnings per share	33,660	20,251
	Number of shares	Number of shares
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	600,695,128	478,979,866

## (b) Diluted earnings per share

No disclosure of the diluted earnings per share for the period under review and the corresponding previous period as there is no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

## 8. DIVIDENDS

The Directors resolved not to pay interim dividend for the six months ended 30th September 2008 (2007: 1 HK cent per share).

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008 <i>HK\$'</i> 000 (unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year, approved and paid during the period, of 1 HK cent per share No interim dividend is proposed	6,007	_
(2007 : 1 HK cent per share)		6,007

On 2nd September 2008, a dividend of 1 HK cent per share was paid to shareholders as the final dividend for the year ended 31st March 2008 (2007: HK\$Nil).

## 9. MOVEMENTS IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and buildings <i>HK\$</i> '000 (unaudited)	Other fixed assets <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Net book value at 1st April 2007 Translation differences Additions Write-off Depreciation	16,289 154 	6,746 175 4,877 (18) (2,563)	23,035 329 4,877 (18) (2,858)
Net book value at 30th September 2007	16,148	9,217	25,365
Net book value at 1st April 2008 Translation differences Additions Depreciation	9,926 (498) (259)	14,939	23,801 (363) 14,939 (6,442)
Net book value at 30th September 2008	9,169	22,766	31,935

## **10. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENTS**

This represents clubs' memberships.

## 11. TRADE RECEIVABLES, OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

Included in trade receivables, other receivables, deposits and prepayments are trade receivables, the aging analysis of which is as follows:

	30th September 2008 <i>HK\$</i> '000 (unaudited)	31st March 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Trade receivables Up to 90 days 91 to 180 days Over 180 days	25,415 29 2,758	30,658 55 247
Allowance for doubtful debts	28,202 (8)	30,960 (8)
Other receivables and prepayments Rental and utility deposits	28,194 8,638 11,716	30,952 8,841 11,116
	48,548	50,909

The carrying amounts of trade receivables, other receivables, deposits and prepayments at 30th September 2008 approximated their fair value.

## 12. TRADE PAYABLES, OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES

Included in trade payables, other payables and accrued charges are trade payables, the aging analysis of which is as follows:

	30th September 2008 <i>HK\$'</i> 000 (unaudited)	31st March 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Trade payables		
Up to 90 days	48,629	39,791
91 to 180 days	-	-
Over 180 days	574	313
	49,203	40,104
Other payables and accrued charges	32,217	22,888
Deposits received	1,574	2,003
Other tax payables	38,402	38,910
	121,396	103,905

The carrying amounts of trade payables, other payables and accrued charges at 30th September 2008 approximated their fair value.

## **13. SHARE CAPITAL**

	Number of shares '000 (unaudited)	Value <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each		
Authorised: At 1st April 2008 and 30th September 2008	1,000,000	100,000
lssued and fully paid: At 1st April 2007 Issue of new shares under open offer <i>(Note)</i>	333,719 266,976	33,372 26,698
At 30th September 2007	600,695	60,070
At 1st April 2008 and 30th September 2008	600,695	60,070

*Note:* In September 2007, the Company issued a total of 266,975,612 new shares by way of an open offer to shareholders of the Company at subscription price of HK\$0.40 per new share.

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## **14. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS**

## As lessor

The Group had total future minimum lease receivables under the non-cancellable operating leases with the tenants falling due as follows:

	30th September 2008	31st March 2008
	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	<i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Within one year In the second to fifth years inclusive	2,746 4,229	2,569 5,253
	6,975	7,822

## As lessee

The Group had total future minimum lease payments under the non-cancellable operating leases falling due as follows:

	30th September	31st March
	2008	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Within one year	65,232	44,971
In the second to fifth years inclusive	110,974	114,614
	176,206	159,585

## 15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

The following is a summary of the significant transactions with related parties during the period under review and as at the reporting date.

## (a) Summary of expense items

		Six months ended 30th September	
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Inderwriting fee for open offer paid to a company beneficially owned by			
a substantial shareholder who is also			

## 15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (Continued)

#### (b) Key management personnel remuneration

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Short-term employee benefits	8,207	4,159

The above transactions were entered into on terms agreed by the parties concerned.

## **16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

So far as the Directors are aware, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is engaged in any litigation or arbitration or claims which is, in the opinion of the Directors, of material importance and no litigation or claims which is, in the opinion of the Directors, of material importance is known to the Directors to be pending or threatened by or against the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

## **17. PLEDGE OF ASSETS**

As at 30th September 2008, the Group has no assets under pledge. As at 31st March 2008, the Group's general banking facilities were secured by certain leasehold properties, prepaid lease payments and investment properties with carrying value of HK\$1,283,000 HK\$556,000 and HK\$14,800,000 respectively.

## **18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on 1st December 2008 the Group mortgaged certain leasehold properties, prepaid lease payments and investment properties with carrying value of HK\$1,222,170, HK\$552,400 and HK\$44,100,000 as security for general banking facilities obtained.

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

## **Business Review**

Turnover for the period increased by 67% compared with the previous corresponding period. Same store sales growth for the Group was 17% over the previous corresponding period. The increase was mainly attributable to the contribution from the new POSs opened after the previous reporting period in Shanghai, Shenyang, Hong Kong and the newly renovated Beijing flagship store which was reopened in August 2008 in time for the Beijing Olympics. A POS in Wenzhou was closed down due to poor performance and a new POS was opened in Shenyang thus the total number of POS in mainland China remained unchanged from that at 31st March 2008.

Gross profit was HK\$126 million, an increase of 67%. Overall gross profit margin remained stable as the watch retail business is highly competitive and affected by discounts offered to customers.

Profit attributable to shareholders increased to HK\$33 million and there was no significant change in the net margin percentage not withstanding the increase in expenses and in line with the increase in sales.

## **Financial Review**

## Results review

During the six months ended 30th September 2008, the Group recorded turnover of HK\$333,363,000 (2007: HK\$199,865,000) representing an increase of 66.8% (2007: 27.7%) over the corresponding period of last year. The increase was attributable to the contribution from the new POSs compared with the prior reporting period.

Distribution costs increased by 65.2% to HK\$80,242,000 mainly due to increase in rental expenses and staff costs as several new POSs were opened during the period under review. Administrative expenses also rose 43.7% from HK\$13,088,000 to HK\$18,808,000.

## Liquidity and financial resources

As at 30th September 2008, the Group's total cash balance amounted to HK\$50,771,000 (31st March 2008: HK\$94,496,000). The decrease was mainly due to additional inventories acquired for the opening of new POSs during the period. Gearing ratio of the Group, expressed as a ratio of total borrowing over total equity, was 1% as at 30th September 2008 (31st March 2008: 1%).

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS** (Continued)

## Financial Review (Continued)

## Foreign exchange risks

The Group views its main currencies as Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi and Swiss Francs. The exchange loss arisen on translation of the Group's liabilities has been alleviated by appreciation of the Renminbi during the period. The Group monitors its exposure to foreign exchange risks and, when it considers necessary and appropriate, will hedge its foreign exchange risks by using financial instruments.

## **Prospects**

The global economic climate deteriorated significantly after the balance sheet date and affected the retail business in all global markets. The mainland China and Hong Kong markets are no exception and suffered from weak consumer confidence and lowered sales.

We have taken measures to strengthen the Group's operations in the present economic climate. We reviewed and improved control over merchandising and working capital utilisation. Whilst we still continue to look for opportunities to expand our retail network, our strategy, in view of the uncertainties ahead, will be more prudent than before.

We have been fortunate in that our expansion to date has been funded entirely by internal resources and not by bank borrowings. The Group has obtained banking facilities but none was utilised as at the balance sheet date. The new banking facilities will provide the funding for the Group should good opportunities arrive.

On a more positive note, our new Shanghai flagship store located on Nanjingxilu and features Vacheron Constantin, Rolex, Breguet and other brands opened in October 2008 and its performance is satisfactory especially in light of the depressed global economy.

The outlook of the global economy remains uncertain in the near term because of the financial turmoil and economic growth is expected to slowdown. However, with the measures already in place, the Group is well positioned to continue in this environment.

## **Material Acquisitions or Disposals**

Save as disclosed herein, there was no material acquisitions or disposals by the Group during the six months ended 30th September 2008.

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS** (Continued)

## **Employees and Remuneration Policy**

There were 534 employees in the Group as at 30th September 2008. The Group offers competitive remuneration packages to employees in line with market trends. Incentives such as discretionary bonuses and staff share options are offered to motivate employees.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is committed to maintain a high standard of corporate governance practices by emphasising a quality board of directors, sound internal control, transparency and accountability to all the shareholders of the Company.

The Company has complied with all the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited throughout the period ended 30th September 2008 except for the deviation from the code provision A.4.1 and those discussed below:

The Company was incorporated in Bermuda and enacted by private act, the Asia Commercial Holdings Limited Company Act, 1989 of Bermuda (the "1989 Act"). Pursuant to section 3(e) of the 1989 Act, director holding office as executive chairman or managing director shall not be subject to retirement by rotation at each annual general meeting as provided in the Bye-Laws.

As the Company is bound by the provision of the 1989 Act, at this time, the Bye-Laws cannot be amended to fully reflect the requirements of the Code. As such, a special resolution was passed at the special general meeting held on 28th March 2007 to amend the Bye-Laws of the Company so that, inter alia, (i) every director (save for a director holding office as Chairman or Managing Director) of the Company shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years; (ii) a director may be removed by an ordinary resolution in general meeting instead of a special resolution; (iii) any director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional director shall hold office until the next following general meeting, instead of the next annual general meeting.

To enhance good corporate governance practices, Mr. Eav Yin, the Chairman of the Board has confirmed to the Board that he will voluntarily retire from his directorship at annual general meeting of the Company at least once every three years in order for the Company to comply with the Code, provided that being eligible for reelection, he may offer himself for re-election at the annual general meeting.

The Chairman is Mr. Eav Yin while the function of the chief executive officer is divided between the remaining executive directors.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE** (Continued)

Code provision A.4.1 of the Code provides that non-executive director should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election.

During the period, the non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Company's Bye-Laws. As such, the Company considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure that the Company's corporate governance practices are not less exacting than those in the Code.

The Board will continuously review and improve the corporate governance practices and standards of the Company to ensure that business activities and decision making processes are regulated in a proper and prudent manner.

## Compliance of the Model Code for Securities Transaction by Directors of Listed Issuers

All Directors have confirmed that they complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules throughout the period under review.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

## Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures

As at 30th September 2008, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and any associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies ("Model Code") were as follows:

Long positions in shares of the Company

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares held	Approximate percentage of aggregate interests to total issued share capital %
Mr. Eav Yin	Note	346,764,261	57.73
Mr. Eav Ming Keong, Kinson	Personal	707,400	0.12

Note: Among the 346,764,261 shares in which Mr. Eav Yin is deemed to have interests under the SFO (a) 19,531,800 shares are personal interest of Mr. Eav Yin, (b) 804,600 shares are held by Mdm. Lam Kim Phung (spouse of Mr. Eav Yin), (c) 253,633,692 shares by Century Hero International Limited, (d) 932,400 shares by Debonair Company Limited, (e) 9,986,364 shares by Goodideal Industrial Limited, (f) 1,275,336 shares by Hexham International Limited, (g) 1,423,269 shares by Goodness Management Limited and (h) 59,176,800 shares by Chanchhaya Trustee Holding Corporation (as a trustee of Eav An Unit Trust). Century Hero International Limited, Debonair Company Limited, Hexham International Limited, and Goodness Management Limited are wholly owned and Goodideal Industrial Limited is 87% owned by Mr. Eav Yin. Eav An Unit Trust is a discretionary trust of which Mr. Eav Yin is the founder, the beneficiaries include Mr. Eav Yin, his wife and their children.

Save as disclosed herein, as at 30th September 2008, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be recorded in the register kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS** (Continued)

## **Directors' Rights to Acquire Shares or Debentures**

Save as disclosed herein, at no time during the six months ended 30th September 2008, was the Company or any of its associated corporations a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors or chief executives to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate and none of the Directors or chief executives or their spouses or children under 18 years of age was granted any right to subscribe for any shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any of its associated corporations.

## **Substantial Shareholders' Interests**

As at 30th September 2008, so far as is known to any Directors and chief executive of the Company, the following persons (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) had an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of the Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register kept by the Company or required to be notified under Section 336 of the SFO:

Name of shareholder	Notes	Number of ordinary shares beneficial held	Approximate percentage of issued share capital %
Mdm. Lam Kim Phung	1	346,764,261	57.73
Century Hero International Limited	2	253,633,692	42.22
Chanchhaya Trustee Holding Corporation	3	59,176,800	9.85
Covenhills Limited	4	97,020,972	16.15

Notes:

- These shares include 804,600 shares held by Mdm. Lam Kim Phung and the remaining 345,959,661 shares represent the interest held by Mr. Eav Yin and spouse of Mdm. Lam Kim Phung, whose interests are disclosed in the above section headed "Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures".
- 2. Century Hero International Limited is wholly owned by Mr. Eav Yin who is also a director of this company.
- 3. Chanchhaya Trustee Holding Corporation is trustee of Eav An Unit Trust, a discretionary trust, the beneficiaries of which include Mr. Eav Yin, his wife and their children.
- 4. Covenhills Limited is owned equally by Mr. Leong Lou Teck, Mr. Leong Lum Thye, Miss Leong Yoke Kheng and Mr. Leong Siew Khuen.

All the interests disclosed above represent long positions in shares of the Company.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

## **Interim Dividend**

The Directors resolved not to pay interim dividend for the six months ended 30th September 2008 (2007: 1 HK cent per share).

## Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company' Listed Securities

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30th September 2008.

## **Share Option Scheme**

On 20th September 2002, the shareholders of the Company approved the adoption of a new share option scheme (the "2002 Share Option Scheme"). The purpose of the 2002 Share Option Scheme is to encourage qualifying grantees to work towards enhancing the value of the Company and its shares for the benefit of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. Qualifying grantees of the 2002 Share Option Scheme mean (i) any employee or any business-related consultant, agent, representative or advisor of the Company or any subsidiary or any affiliate; or (ii) any supplier, agent or consultant who provide goods or services to the Company or any subsidiary or any affiliate; or (iii) any customer of the Company or any subsidiary or any affiliate; or (iv) any business ally or joint venture partner of the Company or any subsidiary or any affiliate.

Refreshment of 2002 Share Option Scheme mandate limit (the "Refreshment") and amendment of rules of 2002 Share Option Scheme (the "Amendment") has been approved at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26th August 2008. Details of the Refreshment and the Amendment are contained in the circular to shareholders dated 1st August 2008.

No option was granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed during the six months ended 30th September 2008 and as at 30th September 2008, there were no outstanding option granted under the 2002 Share Option Scheme.

By Order of the Board **Asia Commercial Holdings Limited Au Shiu Leung, Alex** Executive Director and Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 10th December 2008